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H.R. 1610—Walt Disney Post Office Building Redesignation Act (Graves)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled for consideration on Monday, June 9th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: H.R. 1610 redesignates the post office located at 120 East Ritchie Avenue in Marceline, Missouri, and known as the Marceline Main Office, as the “Walt Disney Post Office Building.”

Additional Background: Walter Elias Disney was born on December 5, 1901, in Chicago, Illinois. He lived in Marceline, Missouri (where the post office to be redesignated is located) from age 5 to age 9. In 1923, he launched the Disney Brothers Studio with his brother, Roy (which later became the Disney Company), creating well-known animated characters like Mickey Mouse and Donald Duck. Walt Disney, along with members of his staff, received more than 950 honors and citations from every nation in the world, including 48 Academy Awards and seven Emmys in his lifetime. Walt Disney's personal awards included honorary degrees from Harvard, Yale, the University of Southern California, and UCLA; the Presidential Medal of Freedom; France's Legion of Honor and Officer d'Academie decorations; Thailand's Order of the Crown; Brazil's Order of the Southern Cross; Mexico's Order of the Aztec Eagle; and the Showman of the World Award from the National Association of Theatre Owners. Disney died December 15, 1966.

Committee Action: The bill was referred to the House Committee on Government Reform on April 3rd, but was not considered.

Cost to Taxpayers: The bill would have minimal costs related to signage changes.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: A committee report citing constitutional authority is not available.

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S. 763—Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse Designation Act (Senator Lugar)

Order of Business: The bill is scheduled to be considered on Monday, June 9th, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill. Last week, the bill failed on suspension of the rules by a vote of 235-179 (two-thirds required for passage). Republicans voted down this bill after Democrats voted down non-controversial legislation (that they had previously agreed to support) in order to demand consideration of their proposal related to the child tax credit.

S. 763 passed the Senate on April 11, 2003, by unanimous consent.

Summary: This bill would designate the federal building and U.S. courthouse located at 46 East Ohio Street in Indianapolis, Indiana, as the “Birch Bayh Federal Building and United States Courthouse.”

Additional Background: Birch Bayh, Democrat, is a former Indiana state representative (serving as minority leader in 1957 and 1961 and as speaker in 1959), former U.S. senator (from 1963 to 1981), and father of current Indiana senator Evan Bayh.
<http://bioguide.congress.gov/scripts/biodisplay.pl?index=B000254>

Committee Action: On May 21, 2003, the House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee marked up identical legislation (H.R. 1082) and reported it favorably by voice vote.

Cost to Taxpayers: The only costs associated with a federal building renaming are those for sign and map changes, none of which significantly affect the federal budget.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

Constitutional Authority: The House Transportation & Infrastructure Committee, in House Report 108-134 for companion bill H.R. 1082, cites constitutional authority in Article I, Section 8, but fails to cite a specific clause. Clause 7 of that section grants Congress the authority to “establish Post Offices and post Roads.”

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H.Con.Res. 162—Honoring the city of Dayton, Ohio, and its many partners, for hosting “Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration,” a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight (Turner of Ohio)

Order of Business: The resolution is scheduled to be considered on Monday, June 9, 2003, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

Summary: The resolution contains seven findings regarding Dayton, the birthplace of the founders of aviation, Wilbur and Orville Wright, and notes that from July 3 through July 20, 2003, Dayton “will be the largest public centennial event in Ohio celebrating the first flight and one of only 4 events nationwide endorsed as a full partner by the United States Centennial of Flight Commission.”

The resolution also states that it is resolved by the House, the Senate concurring:

“That Congress honors the city of Dayton, Ohio, and its many partners, for hosting “Inventing Flight: The Centennial Celebration,” a celebration of the centennial of Wilbur and Orville Wright's first flight.”

Additional Background: The United States Centennial of Flight Commission, which is noted in the resolution, was authorized by the 105th Congress (S. 1397 passed House on voice vote Oct. 14, 1998, Public Law 105-389), and amended in the 106th Congress (S. 1072 passed House by voice vote on Sept. 27, 1999, Public Law 106-68). The Commission is authorized to receive:

\$250,000 for FY99,
\$600,000 for FY00,
\$750,000 for FY01,
\$900,000 for FY02,
\$900,000 for FY03, and
\$600,000 for FY04

As of FY2001, the commission had received \$1.6 billion in appropriations. Although the Commission is authorized to receive donations, user fees, or in-kind donations, the GAO reported that as of FY01, none had been received. To see the federal website for the Centennial of Flight Commission go to <http://www.centennialofflight.gov/index.cfm>

Committee Action: The resolution was introduced on May 6 and referred to the House Committee on Government Reform. The committee did not consider the resolution.

Cost to Taxpayers: The resolution has no cost.

Does the Bill Create New Federal Programs or Rules?: No.

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